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Applicant(s): Minoru ASAKAWA et al
Serial No. : 09/813,213
Filed : March 20, 2001
For : IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
Art Unit : 2624
Examiner : King Y Poon

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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S I R :

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed January 13, 2006, and Advisory Action mailed March 13, 2006, the term for response to which expires on April 13, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 6, 7, 12, 13, 18 and 20 are amended; claims 3 and 4 are canceled; and claims 2, 5, 8-11, 14-17, 19 and 21 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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Amendment (14)

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Dated: March 27, 2006

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